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WASTES IN ROADMAKING.

A monument to inefficiency and wasteful methods stands today in sight of Tonopah. The section of road between Tonopah and McKinney's Tanks is evidence that does not require any corroboration. That section was built with \$40,000 of the people's money sweetened with an allowance from Uncle Sam. For three months "while the roadbed was settling" as the highway commission chose to define in process of disintegration, a straight line of volcanic ash could be discerned across the wash which the aim of the builders was to bridge. Today there is scarcely any proof of the existence of a road or highway which would be completely obliterated were it not for the existence of substantial concrete culverts and one splendid concrete bridge. Before the spring floods descend from the surrounding hills the connecting links of sand will have vanished and nothing remain but the survey on paper. The highway commission has already been favored with a report on this section which set forth the conviction that the road would be all right when it had passed through the settling down process and the surface gravel applied. However, the road stands as a stubborn factor in disputing the theory so amiably advanced by the state engineers, for, with a perversity common to all aggregations of dust heaped on the face of the desert road it does not evince the slightest intention of remaining put for it is rapidly vanishing into ethereal space where it is wafted by every vagrant breeze. If the Nevada highway commission does not credit these statements the members are invited to take a day off and visit the scene to see for themselves what is happening with the section of construction which absorbed \$40,000 of the people's money.

The system of roadbuilding on the desert is a man's job and therefore should not be accepted as child's play. Southern Nevada is entitled to the best roads that man, money and talent can devise for this is the district where new wealth originates and more real money is placed in circulation than in any other place where the commission is spending its income. There is no use palavering about the assessable value of property. The assessable value is a chimera erected to back up the desire of the commission to expend most of its money around such places as Reno and Carson City where nine-tenths of the traffic is of the pleasure class. The other one-tenth could be cared for by existing railroads. Down here where there are no railroads and where every pound of machinery, foodstuffs and ores has to be hauled and delivered through the medium of motor trucks the demand is for substantial roads. Poor roads add to the cost of mine development and increase the cost of all commodities to the men engaged in opening a wilderness. With good cement roads thousands of tons of ore now lying on dumps at distances of from 75 to 120 miles from railroads could be delivered on the trucks at a cost that would enable the owners to show a profit on the transaction. It is not presuming too much to demand a cement surfaced road between Tonopah and Ely for an eastern outlet and a cement road between Tonopah and the Sierras to accommodate the business of that region which is deprived of suitable transportation.

One striking feature in all the publicity matter put out by the self-constituted committee engaged in reorganizing the republican party of Nevada is the pleasure of making a trip to Reno and spending several days and a goodly modicum of currency in getting acquainted. As a convention city Reno should display in large letters over its gateway the motto "Safety First."

BLEEDING THE CONSUMER.

Democrats are not satisfied with the railroad measures put forth as a party measure for the future regulation of the railroads when they are returned to their owners. The so-called Esch bill is denounced as a monstrosity. Congressman Marvin Jones of Texas, tears the bill to shreds in a speech filled with concrete facts and incontrovertible truths. Section 207 provides that the United States shall guarantee the roads a profit during the first six months of their operation after being returned of not less than the average received during the three years prior to federal control. It provides that these roads, which made more than the guaranty shall be allowed to keep up the excess and those which make less—well, the government will make up the loss by a gift, a pure gratuity. What other business receives a guaranty of a profit? The farmer does not. When the drought or pestilence comes he must shoulder his loss. Under this bill the farmer and miner would be taxed to guarantee the railroad owner against loss. The business man is not guaranteed. If hard times come and he has goods left on his hands, he too much suffer his loss like a man. But now congress would tax him, too, for the benefit of the owners of stocks and bonds. In addition to the guaranty another section of the bill provides \$250,000,000 to be loaned the railroads out of the United States treasury. In addition to guaranteeing them a profit, congress would lend them a lot of money on second liens.

This is not all. The public has hoped that freight rates at least would go no higher. This bill provides that all the railways which desire to have the advantages of the guaranty shall immediately file a schedule of increases of freight rates over what those rates are now.

Who ever heard a government of sane men guaranteeing a business a profit, then loaning that business money and then asking that business to increase its charges for services. Where does the public come in on this affair? Surely the taxpayer is entitled to some consideration in this hour of turmoil. The bill in its present form is impossible.

Vice President Marshall says he is in favor of an "industrious democracy" before we have an "industrial democracy." "Industrial democracy" makes a much better political phrase. It rather conveys the idea of everybody being his own boss and not making himself work.

The present national administration may have overlooked a few

things it might have done to the country, but it has fifteen months to think up the rest of them, if any.

President Wilson must be right in his claim that he is the exclusive manager of American foreign affairs. Didn't he keep us out of war until after the campaign of 1916 all by himself?

The high cost of living is only one little phase of the high cost of democratic mismanagement.

GOLD STRIKE ON KUSKOWIN

(Correspondence Associated Press)

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 1.—By Mail.—New quartz properties in the Kuskokwin country, long believed to be one of the richest mineral sections of Alaska, will produce several millions of dollars in gold this winter, according to telegrams received here by Governor Thomas Riggs, jr., from government officials at the mines.

Gold quartz recently discovered on the Nixon Fork of the Kuskokwin will run as high as \$2,000 a ton with big "tonnage" in sight for over a mile, one telegram to the governor said. Steam hoists and compressors are being installed.

Several old time Alaska miners are interested in the new Kuskokwin properties. Most of them have been operating for several years in the Sitka district.

NOTICE OF STOCK DIVIDEND.

Office of
SIMON FAGAN MINING COMPANY
202 State Bank & Trust Company Building, Tonopah, Nevada.
Dec. 10, 1919.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the stockholders of Simon Fagan Mining company, a Nevada corporation, that it has declared a stock dividend upon sundry shares of the stock of Fagan Consolidated Silver Mining company, a Nevada corporation, which said last-named stock has been received as a consideration for the conveyance of the whole corporate assets of the Simon Fagan Mining company to the Fagan Consolidated Silver Mines company, the said stock dividend to be distributed and deliverable to the record stockholders of the Simon Fagan Mining company, or to those legally entitled thereto, upon surrender of their certificates of Simon Fagan Mining company to B. W. Zachau, secretary of the Fagan Consolidated Silver Mines company, at the office in Mina, Nevada. The holders and owners of stock of Simon Fagan Mining company will receive new stock for old stock upon a basis of share for share. For the purpose of this stock dividend the books of the Simon Fagan Mining company will close at three o'clock P. M. on the 31st day of January, 1920.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SIMON FAGAN MINING COMPANY,
By E. S. MULFORD, President.
By F. T. DUNN, Assistant Secretary.
D-10-17-34-31

No admission fee will be charged to attend the big Pythian Sisters Yama Yama dance New Year's eve. It will be a jitney and a good time will be assured you if you attend.
Adv-D20-12.

VERDI DIVIDE MINING COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of Verdi Divide Mining company will be held at the office of said company in Tonopah, Nevada, on the nineteenth day of January, 1920, at 3:00 p. m.

The object of the meeting is for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of stock standing registered in his or her name on the twentieth day preceding the date of said meeting.

Dated at Tonopah, Nevada, this 29th day of December, 1919.

P. F. REVERT, Secretary.

Adv-D29-J19.

REVERT DIVIDE MINING COMPANY.

To the stockholders of the Revert Divide Mining company:

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of Revert Divide Mining company will be held at the office of said company in Tonopah, Nevada, on the nineteenth day of January, 1920, at 10:30 a. m.

The object of the meeting is for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of stock standing registered in his or her name on the twentieth day preceding the date of said meeting.

Dated at Tonopah, Nevada, this 29th day of December, 1919.

P. F. REVERT, Secretary.

If you can't dance, come to the Pythian Sisters Yama Yama dance at the Airdome, New Year's eve. Lots of room in the bleachers. We want your noise for the New Year. Admission free. Adv-D30-12

FORMER ARMY CAPTAIN SHOOTS WIFE IN EYE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—R. E. Potter, former army captain, is in jail following a shooting fray on an interurban train last night in which his wife, Mrs. Elda E. Potter and three other passengers were wounded. Mrs. Potter was shot in the eye. Her condition is serious. The Potters have been estranged.

SUMMONS

In the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Nye, Clementina Chopp, Plaintiff, vs. Steve Chopp, Defendant.
 The State of Nevada sends greeting to said defendant, Steve Chopp. You are hereby summoned to appear within ten days after the service upon you of this summons, if served in said county, or within twenty days if served out of said county but within said Judicial District, and in all other cases within forty days, (exclusive of the day of service,) and defend the above entitled action. This action is brought to dissolve the bonds of matrimony existing between you and the plaintiff upon the grounds of extreme cruelty and for equitable relief as more particularly described in the complaint filed in said action.
 Dated Oct. 11, 1919.
 L. E. GLASS, Clerk.
 (Court Seal) M. J. SCANLAN, Plaintiff's Attorney.
 Date of first publication Nov. 14, 1919.

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